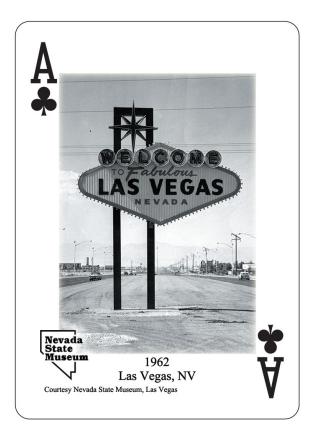
City of Las Vegas Certified Local Government



When the "Welcome" sign was built in 1959, the closest hotel-casino was the Hacienda, which was a one-story rambling building on the site of the current high-rise Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino. Traffic from Los Angeles traveled along the Las Vegas Strip, which was then U.S. Highway 91.

This sign, along with 24 resources on the Las Vegas Register of Historic Places and almost 30 National and State Register buildings, structures, and objects exemplify Las Vegas' commitment to preserving its historic neighborhoods and buildings.

The City of Las Vegas is a Certified Local Government (CLG), which means that the City is a preservation partner with state and national governments to focus on promoting historic preservation at the local level. Although the Welcome sign is not located in the CLG boundaries, the city of Las Vegas supports the preservation of Clark County historic resources through grant funding and technical assistance.

The City's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) acts as the official advisor to the City of Las Vegas on matters relating to the historic preservation of cultural resources and buildings within the city. The Commission recommends to the City Council possible uses and funding options for historic buildings, places, and sites. The HPC also suggests policy and ordinance changes to the City Council relating to historic building and sites. The Commission recommends to the City Council possible uses and funding options for historic buildings, places, and sites. The HPC also suggests policy and ordinance changes to the City Council relating to historic building and sites.

